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**NATIONAL HANDBOOK OF CONSERVATION PRACTICES**      **November 19, 2008**  
**450 – VI**  
**NOTICE 147**  
**Amendment 5**

**Purpose.** This notice transmits new or revised conservation practice standards, along with an updated Index, for insertion into the National Handbook of Conservation Practices (NHCP). In addition, notes are included to highlight key changes made to each document.

**Effective Date.** This notice is effective when received.

**Explanation.** New or revised National Conservation Practice Standards:

**Deep Tillage (Code 324):** This is an existing standard. Only minor edits were made to this standard.

**Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment (Code 654):** This is a new practice standard developed to address primarily the closure of existing farm, ranch, and forest roads to minimize their potential negative environmental impact.

**Waste Transfer (Code 634):** Formerly titled “Manure Transfer,” this practice standard was expanded to encompass manure and other byproducts of agricultural operations. Previously, the standard only addressed manure. This standard applies where excess byproducts (wastes) accumulate and can be transferred to an area for utilization as a resource. The Criteria Section is expanded to include a description of solid-liquid separation and a clarification of clean-out access requirements.

**Instructions.** If a hard copy of NHCP is maintained, replace the Contents pages i through vi, dated January 2008, in NHCP with the revised Contents pages found at:  
[http://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/H\\_450\\_NHCP\\_Index\\_147](http://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/H_450_NHCP_Index_147) .

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Insert the new or revised standards in NHCP in alphabetical order as designated on the revised Contents pages. Remove and archive, as appropriate, the existing practice standard for Deep Tillage (Code 324) dated March 2001, and Manure Transfer (Code 634) dated September 2003.

This notice, and each of the conservation practice standards included with this notice, can be accessed electronically through either the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) homepage on the Internet at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/Standards/nhcp.html>; or from the FTP server at: <ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/NHQ/practice-standards/standards/>.

**Federal Register Notices.**

NRCS published a notice of intent to revise or adopt these standards in the *Federal Register* on September 17, 2008. Comments from the public were accepted for 30 days.

Guidance to the States and the Pacific Islands and Caribbean Areas can be found in Title 450, Technology, General Manual, Section 401.19 for complying with the provisions of the 1996 Farm Bill that require advertising for public comment prior to revising NRCS State-level technical guides.

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